

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A hollow golf club head comprising:
a front body including a face portion;
a back body; and
a middle body disposed between the front body and the back body and extending from a toe side of a side portion to a heel side of the side portion through a crown portion bending upwardly, wherein:

the material of the middle ~~member~~ body is lower in longitudinal elastic modulus and specific gravity than the material of the front body and the material of the back body.

2. (currently amended): The golf club head according to claim 1, wherein:
the material of the front body includes at least one of titanium and titanium alloy;
the material of the back body includes at least one of titanium and titanium alloy; and
the material of the middle ~~member~~ body includes at least one of metal and metal alloy;
~~which have melt point equal to or lower than 700 °C.~~

3. (original): The golf club head according to claim 1, wherein:
the material of the front body includes at least one of titanium and titanium alloy;
the material of the back body includes at least one of titanium and titanium alloy; and

the material of the middle body includes carbon fiber reinforced plastic.

4. (currently amended): A hollow golf club head including at least one of titanium and titanium alloy, the golf club head comprising:

a front body including a face portion;

a back body; and

a middle body disposed between the front body and the back body and extending from a toe side of a side portion to a heel side of the side portion through a crown portion bending upwardly; ~~wherein:~~

wherein the material of the middle body is thinner than the material of the front body and the material of the back body; and

wherein the material of the front body and the material of the middle body comprise metal.

5. (currently amended): A hollow golf club head including at least one of titanium and titanium alloy, the golf club head comprising:

a front body including a face portion;

a back body; and

a middle body disposed between the front body and the back body and extending from a toe side of a side portion to a heel side of the side portion through a crown portion bending upwardly, wherein:

the middle body is thinner than the front body and the back body;

the front body has a thickness in a range of 0.8 mm to 1.2 mm;
the back body has a thickness in a range of 0.8 mm to 1.2 mm; ~~and~~
the middle body has a thickness in a range of 0.6 mm to 1.2 mm; and
the a material of the middle body comprises metal.

6. (original): The golf club head according to claim 1, wherein the middle body includes at least part of the crown portion, at least part of a sole portion, and at least part of the side portion.

7. (original): The golf club head according to claim 1, wherein the middle body includes at least part of the crown portion and at least part of the side portion.

8. (original): The golf club head according to claim 6, wherein a ratio of an area of the middle body to an entire outer surface area of the golf club head is in a range of 8 % to 35 %.

9. (original): The golf club head according to claim 7, a ratio of an area of the middle body to an entire outer surface area of the golf club head is in a range of 5 % to 33 %.

10. (currently amended): The golf club head according to claim 1, wherein the middle portion has a greater width nearerer the crown than nearerer a sole of the golf club head.

11. (currently amended): The golf club head according to claim 1, ~~where in~~wherein the middle portion has a substantially inverted triangular shape when viewed from a side of the golf club head.

12. (previously presented): The golf club head according to claim 4, wherein the material of the middle body is at least 80% as thick as the material of the front body and the material of the back body.

13. (previously presented): The golf club head according to claim 12, wherein the material of the middle body is 90-95% as thick as the material of the front body and the material of the back body.

14. (new): The golf club head according to claim 4, wherein the middle body also includes at least part of the side portion.

15. (new): The golf club head according to claim 1, wherein at least a portion of an outer surface of the middle body forms a step with an outer surface of at least one of the front body and the back body.

16. (new): The golf club head according to claim 1, wherein at least a portion of an outer surface of the middle body is formed a step lower than an outer surface of at least one of the front body and the back body.

17. (new): The golf club head according to claim 4, wherein at least a portion of an outer surface of the middle body forms a step with an outer surface of at least one of the front body and the back body.

18. (new): The golf club head according to claim 4, wherein at least a portion of an outer surface of the middle body is formed a step lower than an outer surface of at least one of the front body and the back body.

19. (new): The golf club head according to claim 5, wherein at least a portion of an outer surface of the middle body forms a step with an outer surface of at least one of the front body and the back body.

20. (new): The golf club head according to claim 5, wherein at least a portion of an outer surface of the middle body is formed a step lower than an outer surface of at least one of the front body and the back body.

21. (new): A hollow golf club head including at least one of titanium and titanium alloy, the golf club head comprising:

a front body including a face portion;

a back body; and

a middle body disposed between the front body and the back body and extending from a toe side of a side portion to a heel side of the side portion through a crown portion bending upwardly;

wherein the material of the middle body is thinner than the material of the front body and the material of the back body; and

wherein the middle body is also disposed in at least part of the side portion and tapers between a top and a bottom of the club head.

22. (new) The golf club head according to claim 2, wherein the at least one of the metal and the metal alloy has a melt point equal to or lower than 700°C.

23. (new) The golf club head according to claim 4, wherein the middle body is also disposed in at least part of a sole portion of the club head.

24. (new) The golf club head according to claim 4, wherein:
the front body comprises at least one of titanium, titanium alloy and magnesium alloy,
the back body comprises at least one of titanium, titanium alloy and magnesium alloy,
and
the middle body comprises at least one of aluminum, aluminum alloy, titanium and titanium alloy.